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Timothy Q. Purdon Confirmed as United States Attorney

FARGO - The United States Senate has confirmed Timothy Q. Purdon as the United States Attorney for the District of North Dakota. Purdon was nominated by President Obama on February 4, 2010, and is expected to be officially sworn in by a United States District Court Judge in the near future. A date for this swearing in has not yet been set.

In Bismarck Purdon said today, "I want to thank President Obama for my nomination, the United States Senate for my confirmation, and Senator Conrad, Senator Dorgan, and Congressman Pomeroy for their efforts to assist my nomination. I am thankful as well to my family, my friends, and my partners at the Vogel Law firm for their unwavering support throughout this process."

"I look forward to working with the men and women of the North Dakota United States Attorney's Office. I know from my legal experience the dedication, passion, and skill these exceptional lawyers and their staff bring to their work

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every day. They are an elite group and I am humbled by the responsibility of leading them.”

“Together we will face many challenges. The challenge of improving public safety on North Dakota’s Reservations, the challenge of maintaining the security of our international border, and the challenge of making sure that North Dakota remains a safe place to raise our children, are just a few.”

“I am anxious to get to work. I am looking forward to serving all of the people of North Dakota as their United States Attorney.”

Purdon will replace Lynn Jordheim who has been the Acting United States Attorney for the District of North Dakota since September 13, 2009, following the resignation of Drew Wrigley, who had been United States Attorney for North Dakota since 2001.

Purdon has been a partner at Vogel Law Firm in Bismarck since 2005. Prior to joining Vogel, Purdon spent nine years as a member of the Bismarck firm of Dickson & Purdon, becoming a partner in 2001. From 1995 through 1996 he was an associate with the Bismarck firm of Olson & Cichy. From 1994 to 1995 Purdon served as a law clerk for the Honorable Bruce M. Van Sickle of the United States District Court for the District of North Dakota.

Purdon was born in Oakes, North Dakota, and graduated from high school in

Ashby, Minnesota. He is a 1989 graduate of North Dakota State College of Science, a 1991 summa cum laude graduate of Moorhead State University, and a 1994 cum laude graduate of Hamline University School of Law.

The North Dakota United States Attorney's Office is currently staffed with 17 Assistant United States Attorneys and 32 support staff with offices in Fargo and Bismarck.

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